



THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
HELD IN ROOM 374-A OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF  
ADMINISTRATION, 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:11 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal; Commissioner John B. Troost; Commissioner John R. James; Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Harley D. Rubenstein; Commissioner Wendy Welt

Excused Absence: Commissioner Wan Chun Chang; Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas; Commissioner Kecia B. Weller; Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Absent: Commissioner Alexia Teran

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of January 20, 2010 and review notes from the meeting of February 17, 2010.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, the item was approved.

Ayes: 5 -	President Neal; Commissioner Troost; Commissioner James; Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Welt
Abstention: 1 -	Commissioner Rubenstein
Absent: 5 -	Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas; Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright; Commissioner Teran

## **II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Approval of request to extend the Sunset Review date to April 2014 for the Commission on Disabilities.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner Rubenstein, the item was approved.

Ayes: 6 - President Neal; Commissioner Troost;  
Commissioner James; Commissioner  
Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein;  
Commissioner Welt  
Absent: 5 - Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas;  
Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright;  
Commissioner Teran

3. Approval of the 2009 Annual Report for the Commission on Disabilities submitted by Commission staff.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes: 6 - President Neal; Commissioner Troost;  
Commissioner James; Commissioner  
Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein;  
Commissioner Welt  
Absent: 5 - Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas;  
Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright;  
Commissioner Teran

4. Approval to reschedule the annual workshop (retreat) to April 2010.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes: 6 - President Neal; Commissioner Troost;  
Commissioner James; Commissioner  
Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein;  
Commissioner Welt  
Absent: 5 - Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas;  
Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright;  
Commissioner Teran

5. Approval of the 2010 Scholarship application as submitted by the Events Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes: 6 - President Neal; Commissioner Troost;  
Commissioner James; Commissioner  
Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein;  
Commissioner Wendy Welt  
Absent: 5 - Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas;  
Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright;  
Commissioner Teran

6. Approval to hold the 19th Annual Access Awards Luncheon, on Monday, October 18, 2010, at the Kyoto with an expense not to exceed \$9,000.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes: 6 - President Neal; Commissioner Troost;  
Commissioner James; Commissioner  
Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein;  
Commissioner Wendy Welt  
Absent: 5 - Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas;  
Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright;  
Commissioner Teran

7. Approval of 2010 Access Souvenir Program Cover Art Contest flyer and Application.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes: 6 - President Neal; Commissioner Troost;  
Commissioner James; Commissioner  
Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein;  
Commissioner Wendy Welt  
Absent: 5 - Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas;  
Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright;  
Commissioner Teran

8. Approval to pay \$85.13 additional cost for refreshments purchased for the December 16, 2009 year end meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes:	6 -	President Neal; Commissioner Troost; Commissioner James; Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein; Commissioner Wendy Welt
Absent:	5 -	Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas; Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright; Commissioner Teran

### **III. REPORTS**

9. Report on the Strategic Plan to standardize Commission Minutes and Agendas to be consistent with the Board of Supervisors.

Rhonda Rangel, Commission staff, presented a verbal report of the how the standardized Minutes and Agenda process will work. She will provide the Commission any future developments on the Strategic Plan. After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

10. Report by Access Services, Inc. on their Emergency Preparedness Plan, Wheelchair marking and Tether Strap Project; and an update report of the 12 Chevrolet Malibu Sedans delivered to Global Paratransit on January 2010 and rider-ship/rider-ship transfers for the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys.

Kurt Hagen and Geetu Banerjee of Access Services, Inc. submitted written reports and responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public. After further discussion, the reports were received and filed.

11. Report by the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO)

Chip Hazen of METRO submitted a verbal report and updated the Commission on how State budget cuts will affect his agency. After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS**

12. Presentation by the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of April 21, 2010.

13. Discussion to appoint Commissioners to the 2010-2011 Nominating Committee.

Commissioners Troost, Rubenstein and James volunteered to be on the 2010-2011 Nominating Committee.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes: 6 - President Neal; Commissioner Troost;  
Commissioner James; Commissioner  
Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein;  
Commissioner Wendy Welt

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas;  
Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright;  
Commissioner Teran

14. Discussion to appoint an ADHOC Committee for the 2010 Bill Tainter Scholarship program.

President Neal requested volunteers from each Supervisorial District volunteer to be part of this special committee.

Commissioners James, Neal, Rubenstein, and Troost volunteered to be on the ADHOC Committee. Members of the public, Daniel Garcia and Carol McDowell also volunteered their services to the Commission.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Welt, seconded by Commissioner James, the item was approved.

Ayes:	6 -	President Neal; Commissioner Troost; Commissioner James; Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Rubenstein; Commissioner Wendy Welt
Absent:	5 -	Commissioner Chang; Commissioner Gureckas; Commissioner Weller; Commissioner Wright; Commissioner Teran

15. Discussion by ADA County Compliance Office on the jurisdiction over gyms, spas and health clubs ADA compliance requirements.

Kurt Hagen of the Office of Affirmative Action and Compliance responded to concerns submitted by the public to the Commission and answered questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

16. Discussion on requirements for disabled access for slips at County marinas.

Ken Slu from the Office of Affirmative Action and Compliance responded to questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

## **V. MISCELLENEOUS**

17. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and placed for discussion/action at a future meeting of the Commission.
- 18A. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Rubenstein: Discussion on obtaining funds to pay for captioning of KTYM Radio Show and Podcast possibilities.
- 18B. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Rubenstein: Report by Access Services, Inc. on the decision made to change the CSC meeting to El Monte.

18. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within jurisdiction of the Commission.

Linda Block addressed the Commission.

Daniel Garcia also addressed the Commission to forward information to all boys who are wheelchair users between the ages of 10 to 13 to audition for a new NBC Television pilot for the role of Paul's son Zeke with Bonanza Productions, Inc. Those interested are encouraged to submit an audition video, visit [www.tvpilotcastingcall.com](http://www.tvpilotcastingcall.com) and apply.

Lastly, Commissioner Neal announced the Beauty Bus will be having a fundraising to be held April 25, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 9320 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles California 90035. Commissioner Neal will be a volunteer at the event.

On motion of Commissioner Rubenstein, seconded by Commissioner Troost, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.